

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-87-T - ORDER NO. 2004-317
JULY 6, 2004

IN RE: Application of KB Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Two Men and a Truck, 2006 Rockland Road, Columbia, SC 29212 (District 2) for a Rate Increase.) ORDER APPROVING
) RATE INCREASE
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of KB Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Two Men and a Truck (“KB” or the “Company”) for a rate increase in certain of its rates and charges.

KB was granted a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by Order No. 97-1051, dated December 23, 1997, in Docket No. 97-141-T, to transport household goods between points and places in Aiken, Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Saluda, and Sumter Counties to points and places in South Carolina.

Presently, KB has a tariff on file with and approved by this Commission. By its request filed March 24, 2004, KB seeks approval of changes to the Company’s tariff by modifications to its hourly rates, and KB submits with its request a proposed Schedule of Charges. The current rate structure for KB is as follows: Two Movers - \$75.00, Three Movers - \$89.00, and an Additional Man - \$14.00. KB proposes the following modifications to the stated rates: \$59.00 - One Mover (this is a proposed new

classification and rate), Two Movers - \$79.00, Three Movers - \$99.00, and an Additional Man - \$20.00. Under its current tariff, KB does not have a rate for one mover.

The Commission's Transportation Department conducted an audit on KB's proposed increase in rates. The audit reveals that the rates proposed by KB would be an increase of 5.33% for the rate for two movers, an 11.23% increase for the rate for three movers, and a 42.86% increase for an additional man. However, the proposed rates remain lower than the South Carolina Tariff Bureau's rates. According to the audit results, if the proposed rates are approved, KB will realize approximately \$96,937 (before expenses) in additional income, and KB's operating ratio will change from 99.4% to 94.4%.

Upon examination of the proposed rates, the Commission finds the requested increases just and reasonable. The proposed increases produce increased revenues which result in a slight change in KB's operating ratio. Further, the Commission notes that the rates involved are lower than corresponding rates of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau. Therefore, the Commission approves the proposed rates as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The proposed rates as filed by KB Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Two Men and a Truck are hereby approved.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director

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